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In the Matter of the Withdrawal of	)	Docket 97A-220-INS
AMERICAN FINANCIAL REINSURANCE, INC. (NAIC No. 60068),	)	ORDER
Petitioner.	) )	

On December 24, 1997, the Office of Administrative
Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Lewis D. Kowal,
submitted "Recommended Decision of Administrative Law Judge"
("Recommended Decision"), a copy of which is attached and
incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Arizona
Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and
enters the following order:

- The recommend findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted.
- 2. The Petitioner may file its Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation ("Articles of Amendment") with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- 3. The Petitioner is entitled to the release of its statutory deposit in the sum of \$100,000.00 and Petitioner's statutory deposit will be released to the Petitioner after the Department has received the following: (a) payment of \$563.51 to the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund ("IERF"); (b) payment of \$8,220.00 to the Department; (c) a copy of Petitioner's Articles of Amendment certified as having been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission; and (d) a fully executed Form E126

(Notice of Trust Deposit Release). The statutory deposit cannot be released until the Department receives a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release Receipt.

- 4. The sum of \$100.00 previously credited to the IERF will be refunded to the Petitioner, pursuant to A.R.S.§20-159.
- 5. The Petitioner will file its 1997 Annual Statement with the Department, together with all applicable fees, unless Petitioner files its Articles of Amendment with the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before December 31, 1997.

## NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The aggrieved party may request a rehearing with respect to this Order by filing a written petition with the Office of Administrative Hearings within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for such relief pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-114(B).

The final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. §20-166. A party filing an appeal must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092.10.

DATED this 30 day of December, 1997

John A. Greene

Director of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 30th day of December, 1997 to:

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## IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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AMERICAN FINANCIAL REINSURANCE, INC. (NAIC No. 60068),

Petitioner.

No. 97A-220-INS

RECOMMENDED DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

**HEARING**: December 22, 1997

APPEARANCES: Philip T. Paris, Esq. for Petitioner; Kurt Regner for the

Arizona Department of Insurance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lewis D. Kowal

On December 22, 1997, a hearing took place, to consider the application of American Financial Reinsurance, Inc. (the "Petitioner"), to withdraw from the insurance business and for the release of its statutory deposit pursuant to A.R.S. §20-588 and A.A.C. R20-6-303.

Based upon the entire record in this matter, the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Petitioner has surrendered its certificate of authority to the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
- 2. The Petitioner has filed with the Department certified copies of Resolutions of the Petitioner's Board of Directors and of the Petitioner's shareholder(s) to withdraw from the insurance business, to amend its articles of incorporation to eliminate its insuring powers, and to adopt a new corporate name which shall not include the word "insurance".
- 3. The Petitioner has no insurance obligations owing to it, whether by policies written direct or by reinsurance ceded to it.
- 4. The Petitioner has filed its certified financial statement as of September 30, 1997, with the Department.

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- 5. At least ten business days before the hearing of this matter, Petitioner gave special notice to creditors and policyholders of the Petitioner, setting forth the date, place, nature and purpose of the hearing, as evidenced by an affidavit of publication. Petitioner also provided individual notice by mail to its known creditors, as evidenced by affidavit.
- 6. The Petitioner has a \$100,000.00 statutory deposit with the Department and a \$100.00 deposit with the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund ("IERF").
- 7. The Petitioner has complied with the provisions of A.R.S. §20-588 and with A.A.C. R20-6-303, relating to the release of its \$100,000.00 statutory deposit.
- 8. Petitioner currently owes \$563.51 to the IERF and \$8,220.00 in penalties to the Department.

## RECOMMENDED ORDER

The undersigned Administrative Law Judge recommends that:

- 1. The Petitioner may file its Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation ("Articles of Amendment") with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- 2. The Petitioner is entitled to the release of its statutory deposit in the sum of \$100,000.00 and Petitioner's statutory deposit shall be released to the Petitioner after the Department has received the following (a) payment of \$563.51 to the IERF; (b) payment of \$8,220.00 to the Department; (c)a copy of Petitioner's Articles of Amendment certified as having been filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission; and (d) a fully executed Form E126 (Notice of Trust Deposit Release). The statutory deposit cannot be released until the Department receives a fully executed copy of the official State Treasurer Release Receipt.
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- 4. The Petitioner file its 1997 Annual Statement with the Department, together with all applicable fees, unless Petitioner files its Articles of Amendment with the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before December 31, 1997.

Done this day, December 24, 1997.

Lewis D. Kowal

Administrative Law Judge

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Original transmitted by mail this Le day of <u>Neember</u>, 1997, to:

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